Gary, Paul, Dick, Howard from HW 8/7/70

There have been several developments on a single subject, Ray.

Yesterday I reached final verbal agreement with the small publisher who is to do the edited-down version and whose editing is well along. The size of the advance, typicaly with publishers, none of whom is ever honest, is but 60% of the figure we agreed upon when he was here. He had begun with 35%. They are supposed to be rushing it.

Yesterday also, as an afterthought, when I asked him if anything was new, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Bud told me of the response to a series of letters I had asked him to write, to all of those it seemed Ray might have written from jail, in the various elements of the various government agencies he could have written. On some occasions Bud has followed my suggestions, as in sending the unnecessary letters to Kleindienst and State after I got the first rejection from Kleindienst on the Ray England material. I drafted these letters and he abbreviated them. You know the result, which was very good.

Most of all, I suggested Bud write Justice, State and the State and county governments in Tennessee. Well, he had a reply from Justice.

It was signed, of all things, by Jerris Leonard, whomis chief of civil rights! And it was a refusal! The reason given, they still have prosecutive interest!

My analysis, with which Bud agrees, is that this cannot relate to further prosecutive interest in Ray, for the double-jeopardy provisions precludes that. Also, there is the question of federal jurisdiction, and in this case, under the laws enforced by Leonard's division, there can be but a single basis for prosecutive interest in a murder case:

Conspiracy.

Which means I may have succeeded even more with my suit.

Meanwhile, Eardley has maintained the pretense they do not have the file cover I insist upon, the one I putin his hands with the request for a copy, and we may be in court on that next week. Great!

Bud has also filed the spectro suit. It attracted no press attention. He didn't inform me, so I inspired none. However, I did tell one reporter it would be done soon and he has seen Bud. I have backgrounded him. What I have developed for the clothing/pictures suits should result in capitulation, but who can tell? On copies, somehow I'll get them to you. I have been after Bud for two weeks or so to copy the draft of the Ferrie documents suit for Paul, and finaly, yesterday, he said he'd see. He complaints about the cost of copying, which runs him about $200 a month, he said. With his machine, this runs to about 5,000 copies, of what I do not know. But if he doesn't supply copies, I'll get one to Paul, who can do it cheepest for those who may want them. The copy I now have is incomplete, for he omitted something I spotted. I presume he added it before filing.